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Employees choose union at tribal casino in Connecticut

Bartenders, servers and other beverage workers at the tribal-run Foxwoods Resort and Casino voted in favor of union representation Saturday in an election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

The ballot count was 190 in favor, with 145 opposed, to joining the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 371. The casino is operated by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, which had argued that the NLRB, an independent federal agency, did not have jurisdiction on tribal land. The tribe has seven calendar days to file objections to the election results.

The National Labor Relations Board is an independent federal agency vested with the power to safeguard employees' rights to organize and to determine whether to have unions as their bargaining representative. The agency also acts to prevent and remedy unfair labor practices committed by private sector employers and unions.

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